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26 May 1952

Mr. Melcoln A. Frost Head, BBC Monitoring Service Coversham Park Reeding, England

Dear Malcolm:

As you may know, the Voice of America is activating a transmitter in Munich under the auspices of USIS. This new VOA activity requires monitoring support for Soviet and Soviet-controlled radios.

We would plan to send material monitored by the BNC from these areas to the VOA in Munich by telecommunications. Naturally we would not disclose the source of the material or mention the BBC in any way. As I see it, this is simply an extension of the service which we already furnish the VOA from Mashington to New York.

I would, however, appreciate your concurrence in the plan or an expression of any limitations which you feel appropriate under the terms of our reciprocal arrangement.

I would greatly appreciate hearing from you on this subject at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Malcolm A. Frost Head, BBC Monitoring Service Cavarsham Park Reading, England

ear Malcolm:

We have completed a preliminary check on our ability to file by radioteletype to you the monitored product of the new Hokkaido Bureau. I am pleased to advise you that at least initially we will be able to undertake the repunching of this material here in Washington for transmittal to you via the usual channels. At some later date, as the volume increases, we may have to reexamine our ability to handle Hokkaido material in this fashion. For the time being at least, there is no possibility of double-addressing the material from Hokkaido.

We expect the Hokkaido Bureau to begin operations about 15 June. This, of course, is dependent on there being no further unforeseen delays. Our difficulties to date have been in securing Bureau of Telecommunications support for the erection of our antennas. The Operations building has been ready and standing by for about a week now. Some of the staff is already assembled and can begin operations on a limited basis as soon as the antennas are up. I imagine that your first notice of the initiation of monitoring at Hokkaido will be the receipt of copy.

Sincerely,

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